

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-103. (Canceled)

104. (Previously Presented) A method for performing a commercial process including the following steps:

at a processing arrangement located at a first site, receiving a first communication including a first programming module and first authentication information, the first communication being directly or indirectly received from a second site located remotely from the first site;

at the processing arrangement, using the first authentication information to at least in part authenticate the first programming module;

at the processing arrangement, receiving a second communication including a second programming module and second authentication information, the second communication being directly or indirectly received from a third site located remotely from the first site and from the second site;

at the processing arrangement, using the second authentication information to at least in part authenticate the second programming module; and

at the processing arrangement, executing programming from the first programming module and programming from the second programming module, the execution contributing to the performance of a commercial process, the commercial process including the following steps:

(1) using a governed item; and

(2) storing audit-related information relating to the governed item use.

105. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, in which the governed item includes digitally-encoded audio, and the step of using the governed item further

includes rendering at least a portion of the digitally-encoded audio through an output device.

106.-112. (Canceled)

113. (New) The method of claim 104, wherein the audit-related information includes payment information.

114. (New) The method of claim 104, wherein the audit-related information includes identification information.

115. (New) The method of claim 104, further including the step of using the audit-related information in a financial transaction.

116. (New) The method of claim 115, wherein the audit-related information includes payment information.

117. (New) The method of claim 115, wherein the audit-related information includes identification information.

118. (New) The method of claim 115, wherein the audit-related information includes information pertaining to the identification of the first processing arrangement or of a user of the first processing arrangement.

119. (New) The method of claim 104, further including the step of sending at least part of said audit-related information to a fourth site located remotely from the first site.

120. (New) The method of claim 119, wherein the audit-related information includes information pertaining to the identification of the first processing arrangement or of a user of the first processing arrangement.

121. (New) The method of claim 104, wherein the audit-related information includes information pertaining to the identification of the first processing arrangement or of a user of the first processing arrangement.

122. (New) The method of claim 121, wherein the audit-related information includes payment information.

123. (New) The method of claim 121, wherein the audit-related information includes identification information.

124. (New) The method of claim 104, wherein the step of storing the audit-related information includes sending the audit-related information to a fourth site located remotely from the first site.

125. (New) The method of claim 124, wherein the fourth site comprises the second site or the third site.

126. (New) The method of claim 104, wherein the stored audit-related information includes information relating to payment for the governed item use.

127. (New) The method of claim 126, wherein the audit-related information includes identification information.

128. (New) The method of claim 126, wherein the audit-related information includes information pertaining to the identification of the first processing arrangement or of a user of the first processing arrangement.

129. (New) The method of claim 105, wherein the audit-related information includes payment information.

130. (New) The method of claim 105, wherein the audit-related information includes identification information.

131. (New) The method of claim 105, further including the step of using the audit-related information in a financial transaction.

132. (New) The method of claim 105, further including the step of sending at least part of said audit-related information to a fourth site located remotely from the first site.

133. (New) The method of claim 105, wherein the audit-related information includes information pertaining to the identification of the first processing arrangement or of a user of the first processing arrangement.

134. (New) The method of claim 105, wherein the stored audit-related information includes information relating to payment for the governed item use.

135. (New) The method of claim 105, wherein the step of storing the audit-related information includes sending the audit-related information to a fourth site located remotely from the first site.

137. (New) The method of claim 104, in which the governed item includes digitally-encoded video, and the step of using the governed item further includes rendering at least a portion of the digitally-encoded video through an output device.

138. (New) The method of claim 137, wherein the audit-related information includes payment information.

139. (New) The method of claim 137, wherein the audit-related information includes identification information.

140. (New) The method of claim 137, further including the step of using the audit-related information in a financial transaction.

141. (New) The method of claim 137, further including the step of sending at least part of said audit-related information to a fourth site located remotely from the first site.

142. (New) The method of claim 137, wherein the audit-related information includes information pertaining to the identification of the first processing arrangement or of a user of the first processing arrangement.

143. (New) The method of claim 137, wherein the stored audit-related information includes information relating to payment for the governed item use.

144. (New) The method of claim 137, wherein the step of storing the audit-related information includes sending the audit-related information to a fourth site located remotely from the first site.